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USIA WASHDC

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USNMR SHAPE BELGIUM

CO 7206TH ABG HELLENIKON AB GR

435 TAW RHEIN MAIN GE/DO

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CJUSMAG/ATHENS GR

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UUBJECT: ETHIOPIA WITHDRAWL - ATHENS SITREP AS OF 252200Z APR 77

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1. AT AN ORGANAZING MEETING CALLED BY THE AMBASSADOR AT 250915Z  
APRIL 77 THE CJUSMAGG WAS DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN OF A COUNTRY TEAM TASK  
FORCE FOR ASSISTING US EVACUEES FROM ETHIOPIA. AS THE GOG HAD  
INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS FOR USE OF ATHENS AS A TRANSIT STOP, THE  
TASK FORCE PROCEEDED TO REFINER THE PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR  
ACCOMMODATING EVACUEES ARRIVING ON THE FIRST C-141 AIRCRAFT FROM ADDI  
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ABABA ON APRIL 25, 1977.

2. THE FACILITIES OF THE 7206TH ABG AT HELLENIKON WERE THE FOCAL POINT FOR EVACUEE PROCESSING. A SPECIAL RECEPTION CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE MAC PASSENGER TERMINAL AND MANNED BY PERSONNEL FROM THE EMBASSY, THE 7206TH ABG AND LOCAL U.S. MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS. COMMUNICATION WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE ENROUTE AIRCRAFT, PERMITTING FINAL COORDINATION OF ALL DETAILS

3. THE C-141 CARRYING 84 PASSENGERS LANDED AT 251527Z APR 77. THOSE EVACUEES WERE JOINED BY AN ADDITIONAL SIX USG PERSONNEL/DEPENDENTS STATIONED IN ETHIOPIA WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRIVED IN ATHENS ON LEAVE (COMPLETE ROSTER SENT SEPTTEL). THE DCM, CHIEF JUSMAGG, COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND 7206TH ABG COMMANDER MET AND BRIEFED THE GROUP, ALL OF WHOM APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS. GREEK IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS CHECKS WERE ACCOMPLISHED ALONG WITH THE U.S. PROCESSING WHICH INCLUDED MEDICAL, FINANCE, RED CROSS, ADMINISTRATION, BILLETING AND ONWARD TRANSPORTATION. FACILITIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SORT AND REPACK HOUSEHOLD GOODS UPON ARRIVAL FROM ETHIOPIA. ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROCESSING PROGRESSED SMOOTHLY AND ALL EVACUEES WERE EITHER AT, OR ENROUTE TO THEIR LODGING WITHIN 90 MINUTES OF LANDING. MOST OF THE PERSONNEL ARE BILLETED AT THE BONA VISTA HOTEL, A USAF TRANSIENT OFFICERS BILLET CONVENIENT TO ALL US SUPPORT FACILITIES

4. NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT ON HAND FOR THE ARRIVAL AND PROCESSING OF THE EVACUEES; HOWEVER, TELEPHONE QUERIES WERE RECEIVED FROM UPI AND AP. A UPI CORRESPONDENT SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED AND WAS PERMITTED TO CONDUCT AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SENIOR MILITARY UNCLASSIFIED

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EVACUEE, COLONEL J. D. FRYDENDALL, U.S. ARMY, MAAG ETHIOPIA.

5. WE ARE PREPARED TO RECEIVE AND PROCESS ALL THOSE REMAINING TO BE EVACUATED FROM ETHIOPIA, AND GIVEN ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL AND NUMBER OF EVACUEES EXPECTED TO BE ONBOARD, WE FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN CONTINUING TO PROVIDE COMFORTABLE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE

6. SIMIARL STATUS REPORTS WILL COVER THE ARRIVAL OF ALL SUBSEQUENT GROUPS.  
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